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Tarc club meeting is each 4th Tuesday. 7PM At the Masonic Lodge at 19 N. Washington

The Presidents Corner

Greetings to all of you, I hope you are having a good summer. It has been full of many things for me, but mostly work. On the bright side I will be retiring from Bright House in August. Everyone tells me that, that is when the work begins. I have a lot of that planned in my shop.

Sherry and I hope everyone enjoyed field Day this year. We were very pleased to have good participation. We hope next year we can create even more interest however. We need more help erecting antennas. The location of Fox Lake is great. There is always something going on out there, which leads to getting more visitors stopping by. By the way, if any of you can control the weather, that would be appreciated. As usually the rain came just when we wanted to cook out on the grill. Perhaps a portable grill to use under the pavilion for next time would be a great idea.

Our program last month was very interesting. At the last moment we were informed we had no program. We were very lucky because just as we were finishing our introductions an unexpected visitor arrived. Which you will hear about later. Bob W4YBI has written a very good article on his visit. This month July 26th we have Sky Warn Training . We hope you all can and will attend. Jan W4REN

Unannounced Program

The members of TARC who attended the June 28th meeting were treated to an unannounced program. Just as President Jan Ferguson was getting things underway, a visitor popped in the door. He turned out to be Chad Todd, for more than 30 years a field representative for Collins Radio of Cedar Rapids Iowa. Todd was in the area supervising the instillation of new communications equipment for the Coast Guard and U. S. Customs. He saw cars parked in the lot and thought the members of the Masonic Lodge were holding a meeting.

In his 15 minute conversation, Todd told of the system in place for FEMA in every state capital including Tallahassee and the "auto link system" currently employed by Customs and the Coast Guard. He described it as hf communications with the ease of cellphones where far away stations are linked by dialing a number in the Collins control panel. In addition to voice and data, Todd said the system is capable of handling email including pictures. He quipped that "reports of the death of hf apparently are premature."

In the lively question and answer session with members, Todd also revealed that virtually all government land stations are being equipped with 4 Kw transmitters. The 10 Kw rigs they are replacing are being eliminated because of new international agreements on maximum power in the high frequency spectrum. He said that many of the old units will show up on the surplus market, but they will not be cheap and finding spare parts will be a problem

Ham Gear for sale

if you have any ham related gear for sale just send your list to me . ku4zo@cfl.rr.com

EQUIPTMENT	comments	PRICE
Kenwood TS 450 S	Works great	$400.00
Realistic Scanner pro 2022		$20.00
Kenwood SE 520 SE with speaker and digital display	?	
Johnson Matchbox Antenna Tuner		$125.00
Drake DL 1000 Dummy load	SOLD	$20.00
Heathkit Volt meter	SOLD	$10.00
Drake MN 2700 matching network		$200.00
Heathkit SB 230		$250.00
MFJ antenna Analyzer		$50.00
Micronta Multitester		$10.00
Knight g-30 Grid Dip Meter		$20.00

The above equipment belongs to Jim Meeks N4ZNQ. Jim is retiring from Ham Radio at the young age of 94. Jim has moved to South Charleston WV to be near his son Dick N8PKL. Since his wife of 73 years Pauline passed away it has been lonesome for him here.. We wish you well Jim.

CQ, CQ, CQ. This is the Titusville 333 Mosquito Net. We meet every Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. local time on 28.333 MHz rain or shine. We are located in Titusville, Florida, home of the Kennedy Space Center. This is a directed net and you do not need to be a member to participate. It is a for fun net to keep 10 meters alive and to catch up what is going on in the local area and the world.

Yes, the net is alive and well. The band openings help us to snare mosquitoes, as we call check-ins, near and far. We discuss many subjects, tell stories (and lies), advertise ham equipment available for sale or trade, or look for that evasive piece of gear we have been looking for some time.

The Net can be activated during emergencies as it has been in the past to cover hurricanes, forest fires as well as special events. This is the Net's 21st year of operation and has well over 1,000 members worldwide.

So come on, dust the spider webs from your HF rig and join us. You'll be glad you did as you enjoy the frequency privilege you have earned. It gets busy at check-in time so be patient, you will be recognized.

Carole ANN kc4vin and Jose` Ramos After 53 years of marriage they are still very much in love. Ever since they met at the movie concession stand where Carole was working as a young teen Jose` has been smitten. What a wonderful blessing to have them in our club and as our friends. Thanks to Carole and Jose` for keeping the Mosquito net going and having our Mosquito Net Tail gate each year.

146.910 Nets and The Eating Meeting

Back in the late Seventies the club started meeting at Sambo's for dessert after the Friendship Net (as it was then called) The group grew and they started having dinner instead of just dessert. The Net was at 6PM. The group over the years moved from restaurant to restaurant. Soon the Net was being called from the parking lot of whichever restaurant we were meeting at. Because a lot of our members liked to have dinner rather early the Friendship net was moved to Tuesday evening. Unfortunately the Friendship net ended when the net control (Marvin Throp KC4VRQ) moved away to Georgia in the mid-nineties, Meanwhile in the eighties Cliff Hoag KC4SYD had started started the VIP Net at 10AM on Thursdays to accommodate anyone who could not check in at night. As you might all know this net is still alive and well on Thursday morning, thanks to Gary W4RBI. It is now called the VIP/Traders net. It is a good service to all and good communications practice. The Eating Meeting also continues because it is a really good way get to know each other and be there for each other if the need arises. We totally enjoy the sense of comradery that exist among our group You are all invited to come and join us. We are now meeting at Village Inn , on each Thursday at 5PM or whenever you can make it . We are usually there till around 7PM

Upcoming Hamfests of Interest
Huntsville Alabama August 20th and 21st 2011
Shelby N.C. September 3rd and 4th 2011 at Dallas N.C.
Melbourne Fl (PCARS) October 8th and 9th 2011
Okeechobee Fl. November 26th 2011

W5YI Amateur Radio and Commercial Radio exams are given by appointment. Please call Contact VE Sherry Ferguson for an appointment at 321-269-2796

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